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## Tiger Cruise 2001 nears

*A unique opportunity for Navy guests*

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Feb. 9, following the Abraham Lincoln's brief stay in San Diego to offload the air wing, Operation Tiger is scheduled to begin.

It's the code name for the Navy's guest cruise program that represents "a unique opportunity for family members to become acquainted with our ship and shipboard duties," said Cmdr. David White, Abraham Lincoln's dental officer and Tiger Cruise coordinator.

The main idea behind the Tiger Cruise is to give the riders a chance to

see, learn and experience much more than they would on a standard Dependents' Day cruise such as the Victoria, B.C., to Everett cruise, currently scheduled for March.

"It gives family members and friends a chance to come aboard for an actual, operational underway period, to show them what we do on a daily basis, protecting the national interests of the United States," said White.

Numbering more than 1,000, the Tigers will begin coming aboard Abraham

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## Chief's exam set for Jan. 18

By JO1(SW) David Rush  
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Once a year, eligible first class petty officers sit down with number two pencils and fingers crossed, hoping the results of their exam efforts will propel them into the coveted status as a Navy chief petty officer or limited duty officer.

As with all exams in the Navy, preparation is the key, particularly when the exam is given between port visits to Australia. According to USS

Abraham Lincoln's Education Services Officer, Ens. John Fortino, Sailors taking the exam should consider the importance their efforts.

"It's going to be in-between port visits, so make sure you're prepared. Think about that when you're out in town. It's probably the most important test you've ever taken. It's the first step in making chief."

Although most Sailors will have their minds at relax-

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Abe's top first class petty officers are gearing up for the prize.

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